

Iron County Register

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IRONTON, MISSOURI.

It is said that there are no fewer than 11,000 rooms in the Vatican in Rome, and many of them never receive sunlight.

Sweden and Norway are the only countries where practically every grown man can read and write. Bavaria comes next in this respect.

The Dominion board of immigration estimates that 140,000 immigrants will come to Canada from Great Britain, the continent and the United States during 1905 with a view to locating in the west.

An average of 35 prisoners annually are lashed at the whipping post in Delaware. In England last year, out of some 11,000 criminals who felt the law's severity, only nine were sentenced to be whipped.

It is stated that Mr. Church and Charles Cleveland, of Chester, N. S., have discovered the long lost and much sought for process of hardening copper. A sample of their hardened copper has been received which seems to be as hard as steel, a pen-knife falling to make any impression on it.

Skunk farms are revolutionizing the fur market. Thirty years ago to call a man a skunk meant that he was about as foul a creature as walked the earth. But Mister Skunk is now a diligent article of commerce, and the women are wearing him on their lovely necks. He is convertible into all kinds of precious furs.

The will of Catherine McGowan, offered for probate in the orphan's court, Baltimore, provides that Messrs. Patrick O'Mara, George Hibbits, John Hibbits, Thomas Hibbits, Peter Thurn and George McGowan shall be asked to serve as her pallbearers, and that they be paid \$3 apiece for so acting. The will leaves several sums to religious and charitable purposes.

There are no Negro millionaires in New York, nor probably in any other city, but there are many Negroes there who are worth upward of \$100,000. The five richest men of the African race are James C. Thomas, William H. Smith, James Barfield, Dr. P. W. Ray and L. S. Williams. All these men are above the \$100,000 mark. There are in this city a large number of Negro women of independent means.

Whitley and Noble counties, Indiana, have produced at least 50,000 bushels of onions, which sold at 25 to 50 cents per bushel at the railroad, and they are at present selling at 65 cents; the acreage in 1905 will be double the 1904 acreage, and 400 to 500 bushels is an ordinary yield per acre and 800 bushels good yield. There is much land in this state that is specially adapted to raising onions.

That law does not make a county seat in Dakota was demonstrated when the Walworth county court house was stolen—records, building and all—to be sequestered in the town of Selby, where it still remains under guard. In the meantime attorneys of the Walworth county bar do not know whether to transact their business at Bangor, the legal seat of government, or at Selby, where the records and buildings are.

The system practiced for obtaining rubies in the mining districts in Burma is of the most primitive description, says the Search Light. The mining shafts are simply holes about two feet square, sunk to a depth varying up to fifty or sixty feet. The shoring up of the walls of the shaft is most crude, the sides being supported by posts at the corners and branches of small trees secured carefully against the sides by means of stout sticks.

Col. William Cornell Greene, well known as a successful mineralogist and president of the Green Consolidated Copper Co., is of distinguished colonial and revolutionary ancestry. He was born in Westchester county, N. Y., in 1851, and at the age of 16 entered business in New York City. Three years later he went to the far west, and for many years engaged in mining and cattle raising. He located valuable copper mines and amassed wealth. He is the largest landowner in the world, possessing 1,700,000 acres, with 100,000 cattle.

Galveston ranks first as a wheat port, having exported one-third of the total amount of wheat exported in the United States by water or rail, second in cottonseed products, third in total bread stuffs, and fourth in live stock. The total value of her exports to foreign countries last year amounted to \$144,997,988, a gain over last year of \$40,876,900. The total number of vessels entering and clearing the port for 1904 was 1,497, representing a tonnage of 3,452,536, as against 1,340 vessels with a tonnage of 3,049,903 for 1903.

Capt. I. F. Shurtleff, of the United States coast guard, who just returned to Norfolk, Va., from coaling the South Pacific squadron, brought with him a curiosity probably exceeding in value and rarity anything of its kind ever seen in this country. It is a gigantic land turtle, or tortoise, from one of the Galapagos group of islands, which lie in the South Pacific. The tortoise was presented to Capt. Shurtleff by the governor of one of the islands. It measures about two feet across the back, weighs about 75 pounds, and is probably 800 years old.

Thousands of fish, which are clogging the water power since the spawning season began, and a small army of game wardens are making difficulties for paper mill owners to an extent which threatens to assume most serious proportions, especially at the new million-dollar paper mill at Rhineland, Wis. As soon as the ice began to leave the river huge swarms of fish began to run for spawning. Soon the water in the mill races was dammed tight and the big water wheels were clogged and virtually put out of commission.

CASTRO IN DIRE STRAITS.



ARE APPROACHING A FOCUS

Our Relations With Venezuela Becoming Very Much Strained.

President Castro Adroitly Playing England and Germany Against All Other Creditors.

Washington, March 24.—In deliberate defiance of America's protest, the German holders of Venezuelan bonds, it has now been learned, have already signed the agreement by which President Castro agrees to turn over to them and to the British bondholders jointly, more than 50 per cent. of the customs receipts of his country in settlement of their \$28,000,000 of claims.

The agreement between Germany and Venezuela was closed at Caracas between representatives of the German bondholders and the Venezuelan government.

The agreement is now on its way to London for approval by the British owners of Venezuelan securities.

The United States, through Minister Bowen, has notified President Castro that, as this arrangement will leave America, France, Italy, Holland and Belgium without security for their claims, they will refuse to recognize the arrangement.

Though formal notice of a similar character has not yet been given to the bondholders, the latter are well aware of America's position. They are supported by the foreign offices of their respective countries in their action.

It is unofficially but firmly stated by one of the Venezuelan representatives in Washington that President Castro will not consent to arbitration under any conditions, so long as the pending disputes are in the Venezuelan courts.

The United States has already informed Venezuela that it must submit to arbitration or take the consequences.

TAR HEEL CLUB BANQUET.

Vice-President Fairbanks and Revenue Commissioner Yerkes Were the Guests of Honor.

Greensboro, N. C., March 23.—Three hundred guests, including republicans of prominence from all parts of this and other states, attended the banquet of the Tar Heel club here Wednesday, at which Vice-President Fairbanks and Revenue Commissioner Yerkes were the principal guests of honor.

THE M'KINLEY MEMORIAL.

The Contract to Be Let and Work on the Monument Begun by June 1 Next.

Canton, O., March 23.—Architect Mazonie reports to Secretary Hartzell, of the McKinley National Memorial association, that he has completed the revised plans for the McKinley monument. These will be submitted to seven contractors, who are to be ready to report about April 1. A meeting of the trustees of the McKinley Memorial association is to be held in New York May 1, at which time the contract for the monument is to be let. Secretary Hartzell says work will be commenced on the monument by June 1.

No Public Money for Religion. Paris, March 23.—The new government's bill for the separation of church and state has been introduced in the chamber of deputies. One of the foremost clauses provides that no public money shall be applied to maintaining any form of religion.

Mysterious Stranger.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 23.—The tube in which the certificate of election of Maj. Warner to be United States senator was inclosed was addressed to him as the "Mysterious Stranger."

Charges to Be Investigated.

Cincinnati, March 23.—Charges made by the local ministers that certain officials in Covington, Ky., had been bribed by the operators of various pool rooms in that city are to be investigated by a special grand jury.

The Jamestown Exposition.

Norfolk, Va., March 23.—The board of directors of the Jamestown Exposition Co. will name an advisory board of 100 at its meeting on the fourth Tuesday in April, and ex-President Grover Cleveland will head the list.

MISUSE OF MAILS CHARGED

A Promoter of Many Companies Arrested in Philadelphia.

Stanley Francis Charged With Exploiting Get-Rich-Quick Companies Which Have Failed.

Philadelphia, March 25.—Stanley Francis, alias Arthur S. Foster, a promoter of many companies, was arrested by United States postal inspectors, Friday, on the charge of using the mails for fraudulent purposes, and after a hearing before the United States commissioner he was held in \$10,000 bail for further hearing. Francis was unable to furnish bail and was committed to jail.

Postal authorities charge that Francis is one of the leading figures in the Store Cotton Co. and the Provident Investment Co., which are alleged by the postal inspectors to be fraudulent "get-rich-quick" concerns. Both companies have gone into the hands of receivers, and most of the men who were actively identified with the concerns have disappeared. Francis was arrested in the offices of Francis Bros., publishers, with which firm he is connected.

Among the concerns Francis promoted was the United States Trust Co., of Philadelphia. A meeting of the directors of the company was held Friday, and all the officers resigned. This was followed by the officers of the trust company.

The postal authorities have also caused a warrant to be issued for the arrest of W. H. Latimer, missing manager of the defunct Provident Investment Co. He is charged with using the mails for fraudulent purposes.

WRECK ON THE FRISCO ROAD.

Several Persons Injured, One, Miss Maggie Cooney, of St. Louis, Fatally.

Paris, Tex., March 25.—A north-bound St. Louis & San Francisco passenger train which left Paris two hours late, encountered a burned bridge Friday afternoon, south of Arthur City, ditching a chair car and two sleeping cars, and partly derailing a smoking car.

Miss Maggie Cooney, maid to Mrs. Frank P. Hayes, of 4388 West Pine boulevard, St. Louis, is dead, and the following were injured:

Mrs. H. Peyton Moberly, Springfield, Mo.; left hip sprained.

D. T. Killam, Lincoln county, Mo.; bruised calf of left leg.

Eugene Ogilvy, St. Clair county, Ill.; shoulder sprained.

Mrs. Louise Smith, Wilburton, I. T.; injured in hip.

S. M. Wilbur, Paris, scalp wound.

O. L. Livesey, Frisco claim agent; right arm and right knee sprained.

Miss Cooney died at a Paris hospital Friday night.

WITH KNIVES TO THE DEATH.

Desperate Duel Fought by Two Men, Maddened with Liquor, at Plum Run, O.

New York, March 25.—Bradstreet's weekly review says: While reflecting irregularities, due to rainy weather at the east and south, high water in central western rivers and poor condition of country roads generally, the volume of distributive trade and the movement on industry hold the increase recorded last week.

From the south, in fact, the tenor of advice is even better. Retail trade at the large cities is living up as spring advances. Crop reports, especially from winter wheat, are increasingly favorable, notably in the southwest. Railway earnings reflect a heavy grain movement.

THEY QUARRELED OVER LAND

Isaac Saller Shot and Instantly Killed by James Blee After a Quarrel at Swan, Ia.

Des Moines, O., March 23.—As a result of a quarrel over some land, James Blee shot and instantly killed Isaac Saller, a half-brother, at Swan, Ia., near here. Blee drove to the home of his brother, and was talking to him about the land when he claims, Saller reached for his gun. Blee warned him not to use it, and at the same time seized his own Winchester and fired point blank. The entire top of the man's head was blown off. Blee is under arrest. The dead man was 43 years of age.

TO CONFISCATE CAR LINES

Mayor Harrison About to Call For Bids On City Street Railroad Co.'s Tracks.

Chicago, March 24.—Mayor Harrison is about to call for bids on the City Street Railroad Co.'s tracks in Chicago's streets.

Under his plan the highest bidder will be entitled to their use for a period of time to be determined by the council.

Chicago, he asserts, will own the tracks, and whatever individual or corporation may secure the lease, will use them simply as the city's tenant.

Boy Killed by Falling on Arrow.

Frankfort, Ind., March 24.—Willie, the 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Rinehart, of near this city, is dead as the result of a most peculiar accident. He was running with an arrow in his hand, he fell over a pile of wood and the arrow pierced his skull just over the eye. He lived but a short time.

Sixty Bodies Recovered.

Boston, March 24.—Sixty bodies have so far been recovered from the ruins of the Grover shoe factory at Brockton, Mass.

A Slaughter of Pennants.

St. Petersburg, March 24.—A message from Kutno, Poland, to the government officials at Warsaw, says that a police patrol fired upon 140 peaceful pennants on a highway. Two were killed, seven have since died and 50 were wounded.

Detroit Man Gets the Job.

Washington, March 24.—President Roosevelt has tendered the office of assistant secretary of the navy to Truman H. Newberry, of Detroit, Mich., and the proffer has been tentatively accepted.

SECRETARY HAY TO RETIRE.

His Desire to Lay Down the Care of Office Known to and Regretted By the President.

Washington, March 27.—It may be stated on the best of authority that Secretary of State Hay will not resume his place in the cabinet on his return from his present vacation.

His brilliant career as premier of the McKinley-Roosevelt administrations has practically come to a close. Ill health is the sole cause of his determination to retire, and no one will regret the severance of the intimate personal and official relations that have existed between them for the past five years, more than President Roosevelt himself.

It was just prior to his departure from Washington that Mr. Hay acquainted the president with his desire to lay aside the state department. The president was unable to induce the secretary to reconsider his course, regretfully stating that if he were still of the same mind on his return he would accept his resignation.

It has been well known to Secretary Hay's close personal and official friends that his health has rapidly failed during the last few months, resulting from the strain of overwork, they have hoped that a few weeks complete rest, with change of air and scene, would enable him to recover and resume his place at the head of the state department.

That hope has now been abandoned. While there is no fear of a fatal termination of his present sickness, it is realized that the secretary's active participation in public affairs has come to an end.

HEAVY LOSS BY FIRE.

The Anheuser-Busch Brewing Co. Suffers a Second Heavy Loss Within Five Weeks.

St. Louis, March 27.—Fire destroyed the freight depot of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing association, located on the east side of Broadway, between Pestalozzi and Arsenal streets, Sunday afternoon, entailing a loss of about \$100,000. The blaze was discovered at 3:30 p. m., and within thirty minutes the roof had fallen in. The principal items in the estimate of the loss are: The building, valued at \$25,000; 8,000 bags of rice, \$28,000; 17 refrigerators on sidetracks, \$25,500; office furniture, \$1,500; 23 refrigerator cars damaged \$1,250, and 200 tons of hay burned, \$1,500.

WAS STRANGLER TO DEATH.

Sensational Arrests Expected in the Case of Hilda Schubert, Murdered Near Wheeling, W. Va.

Wheeling, W. Va., March 27.—The coroner's inquest into the cause of the death of Hilda Schubert, the young woman who was found dead on the hillside near her home in this city a few days ago, was held Sunday, and resulted in the jury finding a verdict that Miss Schubert came to her death by strangulation by a person unknown by the authorities.

The authorities are hard at work on the case and sensational arrests are momentarily expected.

DESIRES OUR FRIENDSHIP.

Measures Being Taken for Cordial Relations Between Colombia and United States.

New York, March 27.—Important measures are being taken toward a definite re-establishment of cordial relations between Colombia and the United States, cables the Bogota, Colombia, correspondent of the Herald.

By a definite, mutual and satisfactory arrangement, a settlement has been effected of long pending claims of Americans in Cartagena, in which Boston capitalists are largely interested. President Reyes is sparing no efforts, the correspondent avers, to induce foreign capitalists to co-operate in fostering Colombia's prosperity. Peace is stable throughout the country.

CHINESE GREAT GRAFTERS.

Financial Collapse Threatened in Shanghai Province Owing to Issue of Debased Currency.

Shanghai, March 27.—The provincial mints have been issuing unlimited quantities of debased copper currency, whereby officials have profited to the extent of 18,000,000 taels annually. As a result of this debasement of the currency a financial collapse is threatened.

TRYING THEIR NEW GUNS.

The Guns Recently Bought in France Are Being Used for Drill by Venezuelans.

Willemstad, March 27.—It is said that President Castro is still living near Maracay, where dancing and other festivities take place every night. All the guns lately bought in France are being used for drill and target practice. The two big guns just mounted at La Guayra were fired for two hours in the direction of Cano Blanco.

Big Oil Company Organized.

Kansas City, Mo., March 27.—The organization of the Great Western Oil Refinery and Pipe Line Co., with a capitalization of \$10,000,000, has been perfected, and within 30 days it is expected work will commence on the first refinery, to be built at Erie, Kas.

Fell Onto a Saw.

Poplar Bluff, Mo., March 27.—George Weaver had his right arm and the fingers of his left hand entirely severed by falling onto a saw while it was in motion. His injuries will probably result fatally.

Collapsed With a Crash.

St. Louis, March 27.—With a crash that could be heard all over the World's fair grounds, the Washington state building, which was being wrecked, collapsed, and three workmen, Thomas Rogers, John Elwood and Alex Burns, were seriously injured.

Standard Oil Cuts Prices.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 27.—The Standard Oil Co. has made a reduction of three cents in the higher grades of crude oil and two cents in the lower grades.

THE ROGERS-ELY MYSTERY

Frank Ely Rogers' Father Tells a Plain, Simple Story.

Miss Ely Left the Boy in Buffalo, Going Into a Store Ostensibly to Make a Purchase.

Chicago, March 28.—The first apparently adequate explanation of the mysterious disappearance of the boy, Frank Ely Rogers, and his aunt, Miss Florence Ely, four years ago, at Evansport, was made last night to a press representative by James C. Rogers, father of the boy. Though simple and straightforward, the truth of the mystery, according to Mr. Rogers, is stranger than the many fanciful stories that have been written about the case, which, in Chicago, has excited as much interest as the celebrated Charlie Ross case in Philadelphia.

Replying to questions as to the boy's return, Mr. Rogers said:

"At the time of the disappearance, my son Frank, like many boys of his age, was fired with a desire to run away from home and see life for himself. His aunt, a sufferer from melancholia, was about to be placed by us in a sanitarium, a proceeding to which she strongly objected. As a result of these circumstances, the two left home together, and went to Buffalo. There they separated, Miss Ely entering a large store, apparently to do some shopping and leaving Frank on the outside. She had previously given him a small sum of money. From that time until now Frank has not been seen. Miss Ely, and neither he nor we know her whereabouts.

"Frank, following out his ideas of seeing life, made a living as best he could, and has finally returned home after many vicissitudes. This is the explanation of the mystery as learned by me from my son, and is apparently the whole truth."

TO MEET THE COMPETITION.

The Chicago & Alton to Inaugurate Interurban Service to Compete With Electric Lines.

Chicago, March 28.—Beginning April 1, the Chicago & Alton railroad will inaugurate a service to meet competition of electric lines between Chicago and St. Louis. Special trains consisting of a small steam locomotive and combination coach and smoking car, seating 100 passengers, will be run every hour between Pontiac and Bloomington, 35 miles, and Pontiac and Dwight, 18 miles. To facilitate this service platforms have been erected, and stops will be made at every public road crossing. The service will be extended to other parts of the Alton line when the double track south of Bloomington and Springfield has been completed.

COUNTRY'S OLDEST NEGRO.

Cyrus Greenleaf, Colored, an Inmate of Illinois Soldiers' Home, Claims to Be 123.

Quincy, Ill., March 28.—Cyrus Greenleaf, colored, an inmate of the state soldiers' home, claims the distinction of being the oldest man in the United States. He says he was born in North Carolina, in 1776, where he was held as a slave until the civil war, when he joined the northern army. At the close of the war he went to Tennessee, where he made his living picking cotton until he sought the Illinois soldiers' home. Authorities at the home received his story with some allowance, but the records show that when he was admitted, in 1893, his age was placed at 111 years, which would make his age 123 years.

TORNADO SEASON BEGUN.

The Little Town of Lonsburg, Minn., Almost Destroyed—Several Casualties.

St. Paul, Minn., March 28.—A report reached this city Monday night that the little town of Lonsburg, in the extreme western portion of the state, had been practically wiped out by a tornado and that seven persons had been seriously injured. It was also stated that from two to seven were killed, but up to a late hour it had been impossible, owing to lack of telegraph facilities, to verify the latter statement.

Lonsburg is a town of about 100 inhabitants in Lac Qui Parle county, and has neither telephone nor telegraph connection with the outside world. Reports from nearby towns, however, state that three store buildings were utterly demolished, and that every residence in the town was more or less damaged.

Tornado at Eldorado, Kas.

Wichita, Kas., March 28.—At Eldorado a tornado struck the business portion of the city late Monday afternoon, unroofing several business houses, wrecking a hotel and a school house. Mrs. Ida Madison was seriously injured by her house falling and catching her in the ruins; loss, \$30,000.

Died Soon After Mass.

St. Louis, March 28.—Patrick Cosgrove fell dead in the kitchen at his home, 2027 Bidlee, soon after returning from mass. His wife had stopped a few minutes to gossip, and when she entered her home found Mr. Cosgrove dead.

Carnegie Gives Huge Organ.

Duquesne, Pa., March 28.—Andrew Carnegie, in the name of his daughter, Margaret, will give to the new Carnegie free library one of the five largest pipe organs built in this country. The instrument will cost \$125,000.

Was Determined to Die.

Bloomington, Ill., March 28.—Dependent over a fear that he would not be reappointed at the annual meeting of the city council next week, Alonzo Hall, 48, superintendent of the waterworks department in Normal, took laudanum and then fired a bullet through his brain.

Selling at a Premium.

London, March 28.—The new Japanese loan of \$150,000,000, half of which is to be underwritten in America, is selling at a premium of 2 1/2 per cent.

DESIRES PEACE, NOT ARMED TRUCE

One of the Conditions Japan is Likely to Insist Upon.

RUSSIA MUST GIVE A PLEDGE

Must Build No More Warships For a Term of Years, and Must Not Back Out Only to Come Again Later.

Paris, March 27.—It is stated in diplomatic quarters here that among the conditions of peace which Japan might ask would be that Russia give a pledge to build no more warships for a term of years. A diplomatic official said that such a condition would be the most effective means of assuring Japan against Russia's carrying out her cherished project of naval rearmament for the renewal of hostilities under better conditions than those at present existing.

Would Check Russia's Plans.

It is well known that Russia contemplates a huge plan of naval rehabilitation. Admiral Doussoff, the head of the technical board of the admiralty; Capt. Clado, formerly chief technical officer under Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky, and other Russian naval authorities, recently have taken the position that peace was desirable until a naval reconstruction could be completed.

This appears to have stimulated Japan's diplomats to consider means of avoiding a peace that would be equivalent to no more than a truce, during which Russia would have time to forge an effective weapon, and therefore the intimation is now given that limitation of Russian naval armament may figure as a means of securing prolonged peace in the Orient.

Peace Four Parlers Only Academic.

Concerning the recent preliminary approaches towards peace, it is now accepted in the highest diplomatic quarters that these preliminary negotiations did not occur there, although Paris may have been the channel through which the results were transmitted to St. Petersburg and Tokio. However, it is noticeable that there has not been the slightest reference in French newspapers to the peace movement having taken tangible form here or elsewhere, except in continued academic discussion of the peace propaganda and a few vague St. Petersburg dispatches showing that peace is in the air.

OMINOUS QUIET AT FRONT.

No Collisions Reported—Nurses Have Good Words for Japanese.

Gunshu Press, March 27.—Everywhere along the front there is complete and ominous quiet. No collisions were reported Sunday. A nurse arriving from Mukden states that the reports by Chinese of ill-treatment of Russian sick and wounded after the evacuation of Mukden are entirely unfounded. The Japanese treated all who fell into their hands in the most kindly manner, and gave the nurses permission to return to the Russian army, saying there were no women of that avocation with the advanced column. They provided the nurses with credentials, indicated the roads by which they might travel, and warned them that they might be under fire west of the railway. Several doctors, sisters and attendants remained with the wounded at Mukden.

JAPS EXPECTED AT SAKHALIN.

They Are Expected to Land Within the Next Week or Two.

St. Petersburg, March 27.—According to government mail advices brought to the mainland from Sakhalin and telegraphed from Khabarovsk, the Japanese were expected to land at Korsakovsk within a fortnight, at the port being free from ice in April. The Russians are not in a position to resist the whole force on the island being less than 2,000 soldiers and prison guards. There are 6,000 convicts in the penal camps, the remainder of the population, consisting of 3,000 natives and 6,000 time-expired convicts, with women and children, who have settled on the island. The prospect that the convicts may be landed on the mainland, in the vicinity of Vladivostok, by the Japanese, is considered.

No Change of Position.

St. Petersburg, March 27.—Gen. Linvitch, in a dispatch dated March 25, reports no change in the position of the armies.

An Imperial order relieves Gen. Gripenberg from the command of the second Manchurian army, but permits him to remain as aide-de-camp to the emperor.

Japs Restoring the Railroad.

Tokio, March 27.—The railway between Mukden and Kalyuan has been restored and traffic resumed. The railway bridge across the Hun river has not yet been thoroughly repaired and traffic is still interrupted there.

Released on Parole.

Seattle, Wash., March 26.—Capt. Connaughton, of the steamer Tacoma, captured by Japanese gunboats, cables the Northwestern Steamship Co. that he has been released on parole at Yokohama, and that the crew will be released shortly and sent home.

Wisconsin Millionaire Dead.

Marquette, Wis., March 26.—A. C. Merryman, of the Hamilton & Merryman Lumber Co., died Friday at Eureka, Cal. His estate is valued at several millions. Mr. Merryman was 74 years old.

Knocked Out for Keeps.

Philadelphia, March 26.—John Hill, a negro pugilist, who was knocked out in the sixth round of a bout with "Kid" Dorsey, another negro, at the Broadway Athletic club Thursday night, died Friday as a result of the blow.

For the Benefit of Creditors.

Providence, R. I., March 26.—The Bixby Silver Co. has assigned for the benefit of creditors. The firm was incorporated in 1894 with a capital stock of \$50,000.